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CLAIMS

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1. A method for fabricating a supporting assembly (6) for a lock (2) of a motor vehicle, said lock (2) comprising a plurality of mobile members (15, 16, 22, 27, 28) hinged to corresponding pins (17, 18), and said supporting assembly (6) comprising a shell (7) made of plastic material, which defines a housing (10) for at least one part of said mobile members (15, 16) of said lock (2), and at least one metal element (8), which supports at least a part of said pins (17, 18); the method comprising the step of co-moulding said shell (7) made of plastic material on said metal element (8), and being characterized by comprising the further step of co-moulding a seal gasket (43) on an edge (42) of said shell (7) made of plastic material, in the same moulding station in which the step of co-moulding said shell (7) on said metal element (8) is performed.

2. A method according to Claim 1, characterized in that said lock (2) comprises an actuating assembly (5), of a mechanical type, which can be connected to manual-control elements associated to the door of the vehicle and which is designed to interact with said mobile members (15, 16) for controlling release of said mobile members (15, 16) from a lock striker (3); the method comprising the further step of inserting a pin (51) of

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said actuating assembly (5) in the die in which said shell (7) is moulded, so that said pin (51) of said actuating assembly (5) remains englobed in said shell (7).